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TOPIC Soviet Troops Moving Through WITTENBERGE on South-Bound Trains and  
Convoys

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25X1X 1. Several trains with Soviet troops and large motorized columns  
passed through WITTENBERGE (M 53/Y 59), heading south, between  
23 and 26 June 1949.

2.a. About 1,000 motor vehicles passed through WITTENBERGE during  
this period, mostly coming from the direction of PERLEBERG  
(M 54/T 70). Trucks with equipment, repair shop trucks,  
trucks with charging units and field kitchens were almost  
exclusively observed in daytime, while troops were shipped  
chiefly at night.

b. The following detailed observations were made:

(1) several trains with tanks and antitank  
guns passed through WITTENBERGE and proceeded in the direc-  
tion of STENDAL (M 53/Y 85)

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(2) two south-bound trains with sections of can-  
tonment buildings moved through WITTENBERGE (observed by an

(3) a south-bound convoy of about 30 four-wheel  
armored reconnaissance cars passed through WITTENBERGE. Five  
of the cars were equipped with loop antennas (observed by

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4. Bivouacking Soviet units with guns were seen in the woods about 3.5 miles west of SEEHAUSEN (in 53/Y 68).

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ponent units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre), i.e. 6th and 7th Gds Mecz Divs (Cadre) and army Hq troops. Therefore component units of the two divisions and army Hq troops should have practiced in the area south of WITTLBERGE (SEEHAUSEN ?) late in June 1949. However, no such information was supplied by other sources. On the contrary, it is known that, at the same time (late June 1949), tank troops of the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) held exercises in the TEMPLIN area and troops of the 7th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) held exercises in the LIMBERG area.

b. The above report is forwarded with reserve. Should the report be confirmed, it could be inferred that, predominantly, motorized units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) (i.e. units on wheels exclusively) participated in the exercises in the area south of WITTLBERGE late in June 1949, while the tank units proper practiced in the training areas in eastern Brandenburg (including the TEMPLIN and LIMBERG areas) at the same time.

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